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Season of Change

The time of change. Fall is certainly that and more. School is back in session and with it comes football games, homecoming dances, school plays, band, harvest festivals and more. Elsewhere, the community begins the slow building up for the holidays.

Here at **LowellArts!**, the excitement generated by our new name continues as we witness the physical changes to our building. While the red, black and white stripes wrap the exterior walls, the brightly lit logo sign will soon blaze above, purchased through a donation from **Look Memorial Fund**. Our first gallery presentation this fall is the state-wide *2011 Michigan Photo Exhibition*. For 2012, King Gallery will host an eclectic mix of exhibits. These include the *West Michigan Regional Art Competition*, *Junior Regional Art Competition* (youth 13-18), *Works in Progress Art Show*, *Collage - Assemblage & Constructions*, an exhibit tied into LaughFest, and the *Lowell Area Schools student art exhibitions*.

LowellArts! greets autumn with one of Michigan's most popular fine arts and fine crafts festivals September 17 and 18: *Fallasburg Fall Festival for the Arts*. So put on your favorite walking shoes, grab your shopping bag and head over to Fallasburg Park. While there, enjoy the live music courtesy of the new sound system purchased through a donation from **LCTV Endowment Fund**.

The literary and theatrical arts are also well-represented here at *LowellArts!* Our annual *Ghost Stories* writing competition joins hands with *Wittenbach/Wege Agriscience Environmental Education Center* to add an outdoor component to the mix. Thebes Players fall dinner theatre production is a guaranteed crowd pleaser - Michigan actor/writer Jeff Daniel's tale of the Yooper deer camp misfits, *Escanaba in da Moonlight*. Ric Davenport directs this play at Larkin's Other Place beginning November 5.

Later in the season, if you have a little bit more shopping to do before the holidays, our *Sleigh Bells & Holly* artists' market opens on November 10. Check it out for stocking stuffers and last minute gifts aplenty.

LowellArts! is much more than simply a new name. It reflects the bold, new, expansive approach to our arts organization's programs, collaborations and outreach. The time of change is definitely here and it can't be any more exciting!



Fallasburg Fall Festival for the Arts - September 17 - 18

KING GALLERY

2011 Michigan Photo Exhibition

September 13 - October 22 (Closing Reception: Oct. 23, 2-4 p.m.)

In **LowellArts!** first statewide Call for Artists photography competition, the 2011 Michigan Photo Exhibition drew keen interest from across the state. The competition was open to Michigan residents 18 and older and entries must have been completed within the past two years. Images ranged from vintage-look portraits to scenic panoramas and computer-manipulated abstract photos.

Guest Juror **Dennis Grantz** chose 62 photos for exhibit from the 172 entries and selected six for monetary awards for Photographic Excellence. "I was both honored and thrilled jurying the photo competition. With the advent of digital technology, the medium has expanded into an exciting new realm of visual possibility, and at the same time, traditional approaches to photography have now essentially become alternative processes, being granted a greater degree of appreciation by the viewing public due to the "hand-made" methods required to produce the images. This show should be a reflection of both, representing what is the best of both the past and future of photography," Grantz commented.

The public will have the opportunity to view the exhibition September 13 - October 22 in the King Gallery. At the closing reception on October 23, Grantz will present awards to:

AWARD	RECIPIENT	TITLE	CITY
1st Place	Carrie Joers	<i>Kaleidoscope Crane Fly</i>	Jackson
2nd Place	Laura Covey	<i>Camera 1</i>	Jackson
3rd Place	Michelle Pittman	<i>Urban Grind</i>	Sand Lake
4th Place	Paul Willis	<i>Curiosity</i>	Rockford
5th Place	Thomas Hegewald	<i>Water House and Tree</i>	Grand Rapids
6th Place	Christie Caputo	<i>Psyche</i>	Grosse Pointe Woods



Dennis Grantz has a long history as an artist and art educator in Michigan. He teaches photography at the *West Michigan Center for Arts and Technology* (WMCAT) where he founded the photo program in 2005 and served as Director of Youth Arts. He is currently also an Adjunct Professor of Photography at *Kendall College of Art and Design of Ferris State University*. The first place award for the 2011 Michigan Photo Exhibition is sponsored by *Kendall College of Art and Design of Ferris State University*.

A LOOK AHEAD - The King Gallery

Join us for a gathering of friends, food, games and FUN on the **LowellArts! Green**.



**Saturday,
October 8**

Beginning at 2 p.m.

BBQ~BEER
For the Arts
AND MORE

No experience is necessary and prizes will be given including last place! Along with *Bocce Ball*, the afternoon will include a variety of fun games plus an optional dinner of delicious pulled-pork BBQ sandwiches and assorted sides, beer & other beverages. **Tickets are \$15 (food/drinks not included)**

Pre-registration is required for those wishing to play Bocce!

Put your team together!!!

To register, call 616-897-8545, e-mail info@lowellartscouncil.org or on-line at www.lowellartsmi.org.

SAVE THE DATE

Sleigh Bells & Holly - A Gallery of Fine Art and Gifts

November 10- December 23 "Meet the Artists Reception" Thursday, Nov. 10, 6-8 p.m.

Mark your calendars for one of the highlights of the holiday seasons - **LowellArts! Sleigh Bells & Holly** holiday market - featuring the works of more than 30 local and regional artists. This event opens with a sneak preview and artists reception on Thursday, November 10 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at in the King Gallery, 149 S. Hudson. Extended gallery hours are offered during this holiday exhibit: Tuesday - Saturday from 10:00 am - 6:00 p.m. Past fine arts and fine crafts have included pottery, paintings, beadwork, photography, jewelry, textiles, glassworks, sculptures, basketry, gourds, woodcarvings, ornaments, beeswax candles, soaps and lotions.

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*Sleigh Bells
& Holly*
A Gallery of Fine Art and Gifts

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Fallasburg Fall Festival for the Arts - September 17 - 18

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. - Fallasburg Park – 4 miles north of Lowell off Lincoln Lake Road

This year **LowellArts! Fallasburg Fall Festival for the Arts** moves to its new time slots - the third weekend in September. Now in its 43rd year, the festival is recognized as one of Michigan's most popular fine arts and fine crafts venues with 100 artists participating. Demonstrations of turn-of-the-century crafts, a wide variety of food booths, great musical entertainment, and a children's craft area complete with pumpkin-painting add to the festivities.

This year's musical entertainment line-up is:

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

11 a.m. JOSH ROSE
 Noon STEAM POWERED BLUEGRASS
 1 p.m. PROULX BROTHERS
 2 p.m. PROULX BROTHERS
 3 p.m. JAVA JIVE
 4 p.m. JONAS RIDGE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Noon MONIQUE DOOLITTLE
 1 p.m. KINFYRE
 2 p.m. LUKE LENHART FAMILY
 3 p.m. GREG & KATHY PROULX
 4 p.m. THE ADAMS FAMILY



Craft demonstrations in the Pavilion include: Quilting, Weaving, Origami, Chair Caning, Rug Hooking, Spinning, Leather Tooling, Wood-carving, Fly Tying, Needle Felting, Gourd Carving. Visitors also look forward to the raffle of artworks and the Fallasburg Fall Festival for the Arts quilt. This year's quilt is entitled, *Autumn Game* created by Dawn Ysseldyke. As always, admission is free. Freewill donation for parking supports Lowell High School FFA programs.



For more information, see www.lowellartsmi.org, e-mail info@lowellartsmi.org or call 616.897.8545.
NEW THIS YEAR!! Fallasburg Festival for the Arts has its own Facebook page. Look for it on facebook.com



Ghost Stories & Night Hike

Saturday, October 22, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Wittenbach-Wege Agriscience Environmental Education Center, Lowell

This year, **LowellArts!** "Ghost Stories" creative writing competition takes on a new twist when it combines with **Wittenbach Wege Agriscience and Environmental Education Center** for an evening of Halloween fun. Youth grades 5 - 12 and adults are invited to submit a family friendly ghost story with 1400 words or less. Entries in the fifth annual writing event are due October 11.

On October 22 beginning at 5:30 p.m., the stories will be read at the **Wittenbach Center**. Ribbons will be awarded for the best "spooky" tales. Then starting at 7 p.m., everyone is invited for a "Night Hike" where they will learn interesting facts about our Michigan woodlands and its nocturnal residents.

THEATRE

MENU

pasties / vegetarian chili
 salad bar
 dessert
 coffee, tea, soda cash bar

November 5, 11, 12, 18, 19
Larkin's Other Place, Downtown Lowell
 Dinner – 6:30 p.m. / Play begins at 7:30 p.m.
 Sunday Matinee, November 6
 Dinner – 1:30 p.m. / Play begins at 2:30 p.m.



WRITTEN BY JEFF DANIELS
 Directed by Ric Davenport

Join us for an evening of Yooper themed food and good times with the Soady men at deer camp in da deep woods of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Character Albert Soady says "If you wanna go to heaven it's north of the bridge", but this November we're bringing a little bit of heaven to you without all the traffic, tourist fudge and Petosky stones! Bring your friends, enjoy a great meal, and sit back as we share this super Yooper comedy. Can you say, "pass da pasty eh, youse guys?" "You betcha eh!"

STORY:

When the Soady clan reunites for the opening day of deer season at the family's Upper Peninsula camp, 35-year old Reuben Soady brings with him the infamous reputation of being the oldest Soady in the *history* of the Soadys never to bag a buck. In the hunting stories to beat all hunting stories, Escanaba in da Moonlight spins a hilarious tale of humor, horror and heart as Reuben goes to any and all lengths to remove himself from the wrong end of the family record book.

Presented by **LowellArts! & Thebes Players** - Tickets available soon by calling 616-897-8545 or visit www.lowellartsmi.org

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